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For: Ketone Ligands for Modulating the Expression of Exogenous Genes Via An

**Ecdysone Receptor Complex** 

## Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended two months from March 14, 2007, to May 14, 2006, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$450. This fee is reduced from \$510.00, the fee for a three-month extension for a small entity (\$510 - \$60 = \$450; the one month extension fee of \$60 was paid on February 26, 2007). Fee payment is provided through online credit card payment authorization. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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